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# AGENDA

## HISTORIC SITE BOARD

### September 18, 2006

#### Final

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

#### ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE

##### **A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information**

- Excused Absences
- Other General Information

##### **B. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

##### **C. Approval of June 19, 2006 Board Minutes and August 21, 2006 Board Minutes**

##### **D. Reports:**

- HSB Presentation – Grossmont/Mt. Helix Monday September 11, 2006; 7:00 pm
- UCSD Historic Preservation Workshop September 21, 2006 – Presentation by HSB staff
- County Business Process Re-engineering – Consultant list completed and approved.
- Response to SOHO letter regarding demolition – No action by staff except to continue to flag known historic properties, and potential historic properties.
- Thing Brothers Store letter – Still no response from property owner; Lilian Rice Rowhouse – Staff is working on this item.

##### **E. Announcements**

- San Diego County Archaeological Society meeting Tuesday September 26, 2006, 8pm: Presenter: Scott Mattingly - "A Predictive Model of Archaeological Site Locations". Scott is a former student worker in DPLU.
- National Preservation Conference 2006: October 31-November 5 – Pittsburgh
- California Preservation Foundation workshop in Rancho Santa Fe on October 20; (Flyer/Reservation form handout available)
- McRae/Albright Ranch Home Tours, October 14, 2006 9AM – 3PM; \$5.00

## **ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Public Comment – Non-agenda items**
- B. County Department of Parks and Recreation Update:** Dr. Lynne Christenson

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 3 – THE JAMES & AGATHA YOUNGBLOOD/CLIFF MAY HOUSE – MAA 06-004**

**Applicant:** Vonn Marie May, Historical Consultant  
**Owner:** Lawrence T. Shannon & Candice Ridge  
**Location:** 17538 El Vuelo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067, APN 267-020-03-00  
**Community Planning Group:** Rancho Santa Fe  
**Supervisor District:** 5- Bill Horn

**Description:** This classic 1974 Youngblood California Ranch house was designed by the renowned master architect Clifford Magee May. Originally from Detroit Michigan, the Youngblood's first California home was in La Jolla. While observing many of the residences within her neighborhood, Agatha Youngblood was drawn to a mid-1930's Cliff May hacienda style home. Conducting her own research she learned that Cliff May was the architect, descended from the old California's Estudillo family. Once deciding to relocate to Rancho Santa Fe, the Youngblood's commissioned Cliff May to design their new home. Although this residence is less than 50 years old, Section V.(d)(2) states (in part): "A resource less than 50 years old may be considered for listing in the Local Register if it can be determined that sufficient time has passed to understand its historical importance". This project is being brought to the HSB for historic landmarking and for participation in the Mills Act contract.

**Today's Action:** Recommend placement of the James & Agatha Youngblood/Cliff May House on the Local Register of Historic Resources and recommend approval for participation in the Mills Act Contract.

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend placement of this house (lot APN 267-020-03-00) on the Local Register of Historic Resources as Landmark Number 2006-004 and for participation in the Mills Act Contract. Staff finds this resource to be significant under Criterion V (b)(1) Broad Pattern of San Diego County's history; and V (b)(3) Architecture and Master Builder.

### **ITEM 4 – THE DESCANSO ROCK CABIN – MAA 06-005**

**Applicant:** Robert & Joanne Elkins  
**Owner:** Robert & Joanne Elkins  
**Location:** 25121 Oak Lane, Descanso, CA 91916, APN 408-232-44-00  
**Community Planning Group:** Descanso  
**Supervisor District:** 2- Dianne Jacob

**Description:** Built in 1929, the Descanso Rock Cabin is an eye-catching feature in the Descanso community, 38 miles east of downtown San Diego. The Cabin is situated along the banks of the Descanso Creek in an area named Descanso Park by its developer, Peter Jacobs

in 1926. The Descanso Rock Cabin is an example of the original mountain retreats build in the Descanso Park area in the early 1900s. This project is being brought to the HSB for historic landmarking.

**Today's Action:** Recommend placement of the Descanso Rock Cabin on the Local Register of Historic Resources.

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend placement of this house, on lot APN 408-232-44-00, on the Local Register of Historic Resources as Landmark Number 2006-005. Staff finds this resource to be significant under Criteria V (b)(3) Distinctive characteristics of a type and period in San Diego County's history.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM 5 – ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES: REPORT FORMAT AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS**

**Description:** Draft Report titled: "Format and Content Requirements for Archaeological and Historic Resources" has been distributed by mail to all board members (part of the public review process). The content of this document and the County processes are open for discussion by the Board.

#### **ITEM 6 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, October 16, 2006

#### **ITEM 7– ADJOURNMENT**



## **McRae/Albright Ranch Home Tours**

**October 14, 2006, 9AM – 3PM**

**\$5.00 Admission**

**Stroll the grounds of the property. Walk through the six-bedroom/four bath home. View the historical albums with items dating back to 1885. Gaze at the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Moreton Bay fig tree in California!**

The Victorian ranch house was built between 1872 and 1880. The Moreton Bay fig tree in the front yard was planted in 1874. The property was designated a historic site in September 2002.

The home was originally built by the McRae brothers and later remodeled by the architect Harrison Albright in 1910. Albright was the architect for the U.S. Grant Hotel, Spreckels Theater, Balboa Park Organ Pavilion, Coronado Library, and at least 70 other buildings across the country. Most recently, the home was totally updated with modern conveniences in 2000 – 2001.

The home is located at 3754 Barbic Ct., Spring Valley, CA. This is just south of the Kenwood Drive off ramp from Highway 94 East.



